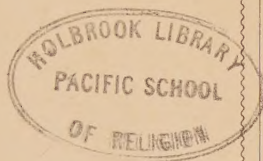


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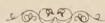
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| Stated Clerk, | - | - | - | - | - | REV. D. W. POOR, D. D. |
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| Temporary Clerk, | - | - | - | - | - | REV. C. D. ROBERTS. |
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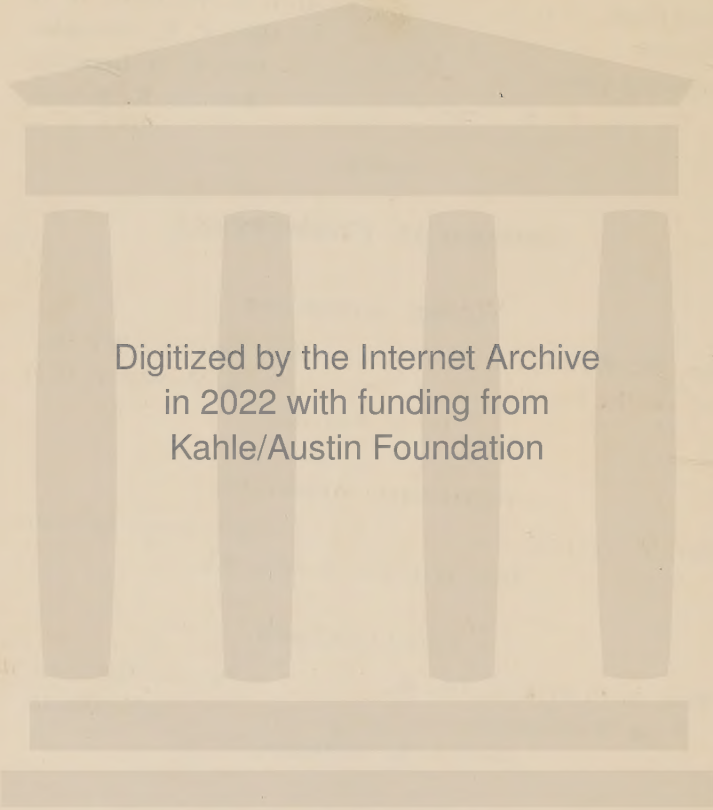
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| " A. L. LINDSLEY, D. D., | " JAMES NEWELL, |
| Rev. A. M. STEWART. | |

PUBLICATION.

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| " A. FAIRBAIRN, | " S. T. WELLS, |
| Rev. A. L. LINDSLEY, D. D. | |

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| Rev. S. S. HARMON, | Rev. RICHARD WYLIE, |
| " W. W. MCKAIG, D. D., | " A. L. LINDSLEY, D. D., |
| Rev. W. A. SCOTT, D. D., LL. D. | |



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MINUTES.

GILROY, October 1, 1872, }
7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod met according to appointment in the First Presbyterian Church, and listened to a sermon from the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. W. Brier, on the text in Haggai, ii:4: "Work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts." The Synod was then called to order and constituted with prayer.

On calling of the roll, there were found present from

THE PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Ministers—T. E. Taylor, N. B. Klink, R. McCulloch, C. H. Crawford, R. Wylie, J. S. Todd, H. R. Avery, W. H. Cain.

Elders—None.

THE PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

Minister—D. K. Nesbit.

Elders—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Ministers—W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., S. Woodbridge, D. D., D. W. Poor, D. D., E. B. Walsworth, D. D., J. Pierpont, W. Alexander, J. Woodworth, J. Hemphill, R. J. McCarthy, R. V. Dodge, D. D.

Elders—Reddick McKee, Calvary Church, San Francisco; Nathaniel Gray, First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Ministers—J. Phelps, D. D., S. S. Harmon, A. F. White, LL. D., W. W. Brier, A. Stewart, J. Edwards, W. F. B. Lynch, Martin Post.

Elders—H. W. Briggs, Gilroy ; A. M. Magill, Watsonville.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Ministers—H. A. Mayhew, C. D. Roberts, J. M. Newell.

Elders—None.

The Rev. N. B. Klink was elected Moderator, and Revs. C. D. Roberts and D. K. Nesbit, Temporary Clerks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises was then appointed by the Moderator, consisting of

Ministers—A. M. Stewart and J. Edwards ; *Elder*—H. W. Briggs. They reported in part, to the effect,

That there be public services to-morrow evening, and that Rev. Dr. Scott be invited to preach the sermon.

The report was accepted, and notice given of the same.

The Synod adjourned to meet on the morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous day were then read and approved.

In place of reading the minutes of the last annual meeting, printed copies were distributed among the members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the sessions of the Synod be held from 9 to 12 in the forenoon ; from 2 to 5 in the afternoon ; and from 7½ until the adjournment in the evening.

The Rev. M. M. Gibson, of the Second Synod of the West, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The standing committees of Synod were appointed by the Moderator as follows :

Bills and Overtures—*Ministers* : D. W. Poor, D. D., R. McCulloch ; *Elder* : A. M. Magill.

Judicial—*Ministers* : E. B. Walsworth, D. D., A. F. White, J. Hemphill, F. E. Shearer, James Woods ; *Elder* : R. McKee.

Minutes of Assembly—Ministers : W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., C. H. Crawford, J. Phelps, D. D.

Foreign Missions—Ministers : T. E. Taylor, John Edwards, William Alexander.

Correspondence—Ministers : W. F. B. Lynch, S. Woodbridge, H. R. Avery.

Home Missions—Ministers : W. W. Brier, R. Wylie, D. K. Nesbit, R. V. Dodge, D. D. ; *Elder :* H. W. Briggs.

Leave of Absence—Ministers : S. S. Harmon, James Woodworth ; *Elder :* N. Gray.

Devotional Exercises—Ministers : A. M. Stewart, J. Edwards ; *Elder :* H. W. Briggs.

Records of Presbyteries :

OF BENICIA—*Ministers :* James Pierpont, S. Woodbridge ; *Elder :* A. M. Magill.

OF SAN FRANCISCO—*Ministers :* J. Phelps, D. D., W. H. Cain ; *Elder :* H. W. Briggs.

OF SAN JOSE—*Ministers :* H. A. Mayhew, John Hemphill, C. D. Roberts.

OF SACRAMENTO—*Ministers :* D. K. Nesbit, D. W. Poor, D. D. ; *Elder :* N. Gray.

OF OREGON—*Ministers :* R. McCulloch, E. B. Walsworth, D. D. ; *Elder :* A. M. Magill.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—*Ministers :* R. V. Dodge, D. D., Richard Wylie, S. S. Harmon.

FINANCE—*Elders :* N. Gray, H. W. Briggs.

NARRATIVE—*Ministers :* F. M. Newell, J. S. Todd, R. Wylie.

Rev. E. H. Camp, of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that a complaint had been received from members of the Church at Marysville, and moved that it be put into the hands of the Judicial Committee. The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the appropriate and practical discourse, preached before the Synod at its opening by the retiring Moderator, be, and is hereby, requested for publication in *The Occident*.

The standing Committee on Home Missions made the following report through its Clerk, D. W. Poor :

The Committee met pursuant to a call from its Chairman, on November 9, 1871, and organized by electing the Rev. A. M. Stewart permanently to the chair, and Rev. D. W. Poor, Clerk.

The by-laws adopted for the regulation of their action were as follows :

1. The regular meetings of the Committee shall be on the first Tuesday of each month, in the study of St. John's Church.
2. No application shall be granted unless presented in writing, with a detail of the circumstances and needs of the Church according to the published rules of the Board, and also properly signed by the Committee of Presbytery, or by its Stated Clerk.
3. No application shall be acted upon in presence of parties by whom, or for whom it is made.
4. Ministers aided shall be required to live on their fields of labor, except for good reasons presented to the contrary.

In deciding upon the applications, the Committee have taken each case into careful consideration and acted in the light of such knowledge as they were able to obtain. They have looked at the importance, the needs and the abilities of the several fields, and have aimed, on the one hand, to spare a treasury already too depleted, and, on the other, to do all that was requisite to sustain important churches. One point steadily kept in view, was to bring the churches as speedily as possible to a condition of self-support and independence. To do this it seemed necessary, at times, to withhold from the minister what was fairly his due, since it was only through him that pressure could be brought to bear upon the churches compelling them to do more. This is the motive which has actuated the Committee in every curtailment. At the same time, the conviction has been strong within us, that both ministers and churches are suffering too much from the scantiness of the salaries given. These salaries ought to be increased ; and while the ministers are sacrificing so much for the sake of the churches, it seems but just that Church members should sacrifice more than they do for their ministers. There should be proportionate efforts put forth on both sides for the advancement of the common cause. Never shall we be able to bring and keep strong men in the field until more adequate provisions are made for their maintenance. And if any field requires such men, California does. The churches here are suffering for want of them, and it is sad to see the consequent impoverishment and weakness which meets the eye in many places. Often have your committee been sorely oppressed with this view of things, and earnestly inquired, what shall be done ? The whole matter deserves and calls for the careful deliberations of Synod, and time should be taken for humble supplications to God, that He would pour out upon us His Spirit ; and subsidize the resources which exist in this State for the advancement of His kingdom in the midst of us.

During the past year seventeen churches have been aided at an expense asked of \$8,900. The highest salary thus obtained is \$1,500, which has fallen to the lot of only four persons. The minimum of salary is \$900. The seventeen churches cost for the support of the Gospel ministry, about \$19,300. It may be pronounced exceedingly cheap.

The Committee also passed a vote recommending the renewal of the Rev. Thomas Fraser's commission for the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. POOR, *Clerk.*

A. M. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted and referred to the standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary then presented the Records of the Seminary as their report, which were accepted and referred to the standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Treasurer of Synod presented, through Rev. A. M. Stewart, the following report :

To the Synod of the Pacific :

It appears from the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, that assessments were levied aggregating the sum of ten cents for each enrolled member of the churches within its bounds ; one-half being designed for contingent expenses, and one-half as aid in defraying traveling expenses of delegates attending the Session. In estimating the amount to be paid by each church, your Treasurer sees no method better suited for his guidance than to take the reported number of Church members as appearing in the Minutes of the General Assembly immediately preceding the Session of Synod at which the assessment is levied.

Upon this basis, the churches in the *Presbytery of Benicia*, having 431 reported members, should have paid in the aggregate \$43.10. The only church in that Presbytery which has responded to the request of Synod for the current year, has been the church of San Rafael, which having fifteen reported members, has paid \$1.70.

The churches in the *Presbytery of Oregon*, having 454 reported members, should have paid \$45.40. The only church in that Presbytery which has responded to the request of Synod for the current year has been the church at Portland, which having 145 reported members, has paid ten dollars.

The churches in the *Presbytery of Sacramento*, having 907 reported members, should have paid \$90.70. Of these not one has responded to the request of Synod. It should be stated to the honor of the church at Elko (which was not reported in the Assembly's Minutes of 1871, and therefore not included in the \$90.70 due,) that its assessment for ten members, or one dollar, has been paid in full.

The churches in the *Presbytery of San Jose*, having 582 reported members, should have paid \$58.20. The only church in that Presbytery which has responded to the request of Synod for the current year has been the church at San Diego, which having twenty reported members, has paid one dollar.

The churches in the *Presbytery of San Francisco*, having 2,165 reported members, should have paid \$216.50. Of these the First Church at Oakland, having 105 reported members, has paid in full \$10.50 ; the church at Brooklyn, having 42 reported members, has paid in full \$4.20 ; St. John's of San Francisco, having 160 reported members, has paid \$12.10, and the Howard of San Francisco, having 582 reported members, has paid in full \$58.20.

The total proceeds of the assessment upon the churches by the Synod of the Pacific at its session in 1871, are therefore \$98.70 instead of \$453.90 as required by Synod. The delinquency is the more surprising when the fact is considered, that in addition to the notice conveyed in the published Minutes of Synod, the Stated Clerk formally notified all the churches (through the columns of *The Occident*) of the Synod's request. If the delinquency were confined to churches that are weak, the judgment of charity would find some plausible excuse; but some of the strongest churches are enrolled on the list of delinquents. The mildest inference that can be drawn from the facts, must be that either the churches are not awake to the legitimate claims of Synod, or that they are not willing to bear their proportion of the expenses which the Synod formally declares to be in its judgment expedient.

In conclusion, your Treasurer would respectfully suggest that the precedent set by the General Assembly in uniting the offices of Treasurer and Stated Clerk in one person, might be adopted with advantage by the Synod of the Pacific. Prominent among the reasons for such action is the fact that in many cases the Treasurer, if a layman, is necessarily absent from the Session of the Synod, while the Stated Clerk is always supposed to be present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL I. C. SWEZEY, *Treasurer*.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 30, 1872.

The Synod of the Pacific in account with SAMUEL I. C. SWEZEY, Treasurer.
Synodical Year ending September 30, 1872.

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| To balance due per last annual report..... | \$ 9.60 | |
| To cash paid salary of Stated Clerk, vouchers Nos. 1 and 2 | 50.00 | |
| To cash paid printing Minutes, vouchers Nos. 3 and 4..... | 67.00 | |
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By cash received on assessments levied Session of 1870,
since last report, viz :

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| First Presbyterian Church, Anaheim..... | \$ 1.50 | |
| “ “ “ San Leandro..... | 2.50 | |
| “ “ “ Oakland..... | 7.50 | |
| “ “ “ Healdsburg | 2.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 13.50 |

By cash received from Rev. N. Slater..... .50

By cash received from assessments levied Session of 1871:

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| First Presbyterian Church, San Diego..... | 1.00 | |
| “ “ “ Brooklyn..... | 4.20 | |
| “ “ “ San Rafael..... | 1.70 | |
| St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco..... | 12.10 | |
| First “ “ Elko..... | 1.00 | |
| “ “ “ Oakland..... | 10.50 | |
| Howard “ “ San Francisco..... | 58.20 | |
| First “ “ Portland..... | 10.00 | |
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Balance due Treasurer, September 30, 1872..... 13.90

SAMUEL I. C. SWEZEY, *Treasurer*.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 30, 1872.

The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly called the attention of the Synod to the Ministerial Sustentation scheme there recommended for adoption by all Synods. The matter was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

To the same Committee was referred also a letter addressed to the Clerk of Synod by the Secretary of the Board of Church Erection, calling attention to the small amount of donations given by the churches within its bounds to the cause of Church Erection.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the claims of the Assembly's Committee in aid of the Freedmen, appeal to the piety and patriotism alike of every Christian, and that they are cordially commended to our churches for their contributions.

The Rev. J. M. Newell was, at his own request, excused from acting on the Judiciary Committee, and the Rev. J. Hemphill was appointed in his place.

The Synod took a recess till 2 P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod came to order at the call of the Moderator.

The following additional members of Synod have arrived and reported themselves: From the Presbytery of Benicia, *Ministers*—T. Fraser and J. Woods; from the Presbytery of San Francisco, *Minister*—F. E. Shearer; from the Presbytery of San Jose, *Minister*—L. P. Webber; from the Presbytery of Sacramento, *Minister*—L. Thompson; and were enrolled, after giving excuses for late attendance.

Dr. Scott, Chairman of Committee on Minutes of the Assembly, presented the following report:

The Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly beg leave to report that they find nothing requiring attention, except to remind the churches of the Assembly's recommendation of the week of prayer, and the observance of the last

Thursday of January as the day of prayer for colleges, seminaries and schools, instead of February.

W. A. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

The report was accepted.

The Judicial Committee presented a report on the complaint sent up by members of the church from Marysville, which, after some discussion, was recommitted and the following persons added to the Committee, viz: *Ministers*—F. E. Shearer and J. Woods; *Elder*—R. McKee.

By request, leave of absence was granted to such members of Synod as desired to attend a funeral at the Methodist Church.

The Rev. R. Strong, of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. F. M. Dimmick, of the Synod of Southern Iowa, and the Rev. W. H. Wilson, of the U. P. Synod of Iowa, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr. Alexander, Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, presented the following report:

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence beg leave to report:

We believe that there is in our Church no lack of funds, and no very great unwillingness on the part of the people comprising our ordinary congregations to contribute of their means as God has prospered them. Whenever any object of benevolence is presented to the people in a proper manner, they never fail to respond. And if the amount is not always as large as it should be, it is quite as much owing to the want of the right kind of instruction from the pulpit, or the want of proper system in collecting and disbursing their contributions, as in the want of liberality on the part of the people. Let the people be instructed wisely and kindly in regard to their duty in giving; let them know how much in their circumstances is reasonably to be expected; and let a well devised system be adopted for collection and distribution, and the money of the Church will flow freely.

The following propositions probably will not be disputed: That giving is a means of grace. Every Church member, however poor, can and should give something. Every Church, however poor, can and should recognize all the objects designated for stated contributions by the General Assembly, and should, in all ordinary circumstances, take up collections for them. Not a single blank should appear opposite the name of any Church in the statistics of the Assembly. If pastors, stated supplies and Church Sessions were diligent in presenting these objects to the people, there would be no blanks, and our reports would show solid columns. Proper attention to this matter alone would very nearly double the contributions of the Church at once. And by well directed efforts in the execution of some well devised plan of systematic beneficence, even this increased amount could be greatly augmented, if not doubled, in a short time.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the general subject of Systematic Beneficence be presented in sermons and addresses to the people by all our ministers as often as they have suitable opportunities.

2. That the sessions of vacant churches, without exception, be enjoined and required to attend to the collections in place of the pastors, until they are regularly supplied; and that every minister who regularly supplies any church shall, for the time he is thus supplying, be chargeable with this responsibility.

3. That monthly collections be ordered to be taken in all our churches, unless they may have adopted some other more effective plan; and the amount be sent to the Treasury in New York, to be distributed *pro rata* among the different Boards.

4. That it be made a standing order of Synod next year to hear reports from the churches, showing how far they have complied with this order; and that churches not represented be directed to send their reports in writing to the Stated Clerk at least ten days before the meeting of Synod.

5. That the Stated Clerk cause every pastor and church in our bounds to be served with copies of this order as soon as convenient after the rising of Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ALEXANDER,
REDDICK MCKEE,
NATHANIEL GRAY,
S. WOODBRIDGE.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was made the order of the day for Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, recommending the appointment of the following delegates to visit the following sister ecclesiastical bodies in the State of California, viz: The Cumberland Presbyterian Synod, Albert Williams; California Methodist Conference, C. H. Crawford; Congregational Association of California, T. E. Taylor; Baptist State Association, James Woodworth.

W. F. B. LYNCH, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Benicia, of San Jose, of San Francisco, of Oregon, reported severally that the Records be approved as far as written. The reports were adopted.

On motion a paper sent in from the Presbytery of Sacramento was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the several Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees on Publication and Ministerial Education be constituted the standing committees of Synod on the same subjects.

They are as follows :

ON PUBLICATION—Rev. A. F. White, LL. D., of the Presbytery of San Jose ; Rev. R. McCulloch, of the Presbytery of Benicia ; Rev. A. Fairbairn, of the Presbytery of Sacramento ; Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D., of the Presbytery of Oregon ; and the Rev. S. T. Wells, of the Presbytery of San Francisco.

ON EDUCATION—Rev. S. S. Harmon, of the Presbytery of San Jose ; Rev. R. Wylie, of the Presbytery of Benicia ; Rev. W. W. McKaig, D. D., of the Presbytery of Sacramento ; Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D., of the Presbytery of Oregon ; and Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., of the Presbytery of San Francisco.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the paper sent up from the Presbytery of Sacramento, reported it to be as follows :

“ Resolved, That a Committee of Presbytery be appointed for “ the purpose of bringing before the Synod the propriety of “ making preparations to celebrate the Tercentennial of the “ introduction of Presbyterianism into Scotland by John Knox.

“ Resolved, That the Rev. W. W. McKaig, D. D., be and is “ appointed to present the subject to the Synod.”

Whereupon it is recommended, that the Rev. Dr. McKaig, being present, be heard on the subject contemplated in the above resolution.

D. W. POOR, *Chairman*.

Dr. McKaig then addressed the Synod.

On motion, the whole matter was referred to a Committee, consisting of, *Ministers*—D. W. Poor, D. D., Thomas Fraser and R. G. McCarthy.

This Committee at once made a verbal report, calling attention of the Presbytery of Sacramento to a resolution on the same subject passed by Synod last year, and found on page 30 of the printed Minutes.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a copy of the Minutes of Synod be given to *The Occident* for publication, and that they be afterwards embodied in a pamphlet form, at the office of the same paper, for circulation.

Recess was taken until 7½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, the Rev. Dr. Scott preached a sermon. The text was from II Kings, vi:1-7.

After sermon the Synod was called to order, and the Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that the Rev. Dr. Dodge be invited to preach a sermon on Thursday evening, and that this be followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper, the Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D., and the Rev. A. F. White, LL. D., to conduct the services.

The report was adopted, and the order of the day changed in accordance therewith, by appointing the Report on Home Missions for 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The Judicial Committee then presented the following report on the complaint referred to them :

Your Committee, having given full and careful attention to the several specifications in the complaint sent in by members of the church in Marysville, beg leave to present the following as their report :

The complaint we find to be in order, although the complainants were not parties to the trial, and do not claim to have been present thereat, they have a full right accorded them in Chapter I, Section IV, Part II Book of Discipline. They find further, that the complaint was made in proper form and in due time, and the question that presented itself to your Committee is—Is the complaint well founded ?

The *first ground* of complaint is as follows : That the verdict is not in accordance with the weight of testimony. This presumes that those who were not parties of the trial and not present thereat, unless during a very inconsiderable part thereof, are better acquainted with the testimony than the Presbytery before which it was given.

The *second ground* of complaint is in these words : We believe unlawful testimony was allowed in the trial, to wit : The sworn statement of the accused, which was not in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Discipline. (See Section IV, Chapter VI.) Concerning this, your Committee cannot sustain the complaint. The section of the Discipline referred to does not forbid the accused from testifying in his own behalf. Whether a witness is competent or not, the Judicatory must determine.

We find the Presbytery (See Page 109 of Records) did make due allowance for the interest of the accused in the result of the trial, and for various other circumstances affecting the competency and credibility of witnesses. Moreover, a person accused is permitted to testify in his own behalf, not only in our Civil Courts, but also in many of our Ecclesiastical Courts, and did so testify in one of the Presbyteries of this Synod other than the Presbytery of Sacramento.

The *third ground* of complaint is as follows : The conviction of guilt on one charge, carries with it strong presumption of guilt on the other, etc. In this your Committee fully coincide. Conviction of guilt on one charge does carry with it strong presumption of guilt on the other. But presumption, however violent, is not sufficient to set aside a judicial decision of the Presbytery.

The *fourth item* in the complaint is as follows : We feel that for the credit of the Church and in justice to all concerned, any errors that have been committed should be corrected.

Your Committee are fully of the same opinion, and to this end would cheerfully recommend such steps as they may deem proper, whenever evidence of error may be presented.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would express its great surprise and regret that certain members of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, whose subsequent action has been indorsed by that Presbytery, when aware of the rumors affecting the character of Dr. McKaig, should ask and be willing to vote for his dismissal in good and regular standing, instead of preferring against him these same charges which they have since made by letter and by informal affidavit sent to the elders of Marysville Church, and to the Presbytery of Sacramento.

Respectfully submitting the above report, your Committee would recommend the adoption of it as the answer of the Synod to the complaint.

[Signed.]

E. B. WALSWORTH,
A. F. WHITE,
F. E. SHEARER,
JAMES WOODS,
REDDICK MCKEE.

The report was adopted.

After prayer by the Rev. D. W. Poor, the Synod adjourned to meet on the morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent the first half-hour in devotional exercises. The minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. D. H. Dryden, of the M. E. Conference, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

On motion, an order was passed directing the Stated Clerk to send a copy of the report presented by the Judicial Committee

last evening, on the complaint from the members of the church at Marysville, to the Rev. Dr. McKaig, to the Presbytery of Sacramento and to the Complainants.

A resolution was then offered, recommending action to be taken on the division of the Presbytery of San Jose. It was referred to a special committee, consisting of, *Ministers*—L. P. Webber, F. E. Shearer, J. Phelps, D. D., W. W. Brier; *Elder*—H. W. Briggs.

The Rev. Dr. Dodge, Chairman of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Theological Seminary of San Francisco would beg leave to report :

That it is a matter of congratulation and devout thankfulness to Almighty God, that such a measure of success has been afforded to our infant institution. The seed has been dropped in a fertile soil, and it has sprung up, bearing fruit at once. The establishment of a Presbyterian Theological Seminary on this coast is an *accepted* fact, and may also be considered, by God's blessing, a *fixed* fact. The enterprise has been commenced, and thus far has been pushed forward with hopeful results. It is sincerely hoped that the sympathies, prayers and means of all connected with our Church in this region will be enlisted in the future progress of the Seminary, and its deeply rooted establishment, as one of the permanent institutions of the Pacific Coast. And at the same time we would invoke the active sympathies and co-operation of our brethren in the East, who are interested in the work of Evangelism, not only at their own home, but *everywhere* and in all lands.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

An excellent Board of Directors has given their attention to this Institution, and exhibited commendable zeal and fidelity in prosecuting the work committed to their charge.

An able faculty has been appointed, and a full corps of instructors has entered upon the duties of their respective chairs. A full course of study has been prescribed, the object being to afford to all students as complete a Theological education as is given by the oldest and best regulated Seminaries in the East.

One term has now passed; and the second year of the Seminary has been entered upon. Four students were enrolled during the past year, and six are now in attendance, who are divided into three classes, according to the usual plan. So that we have already a Theological School well manned, with all the regular classes organized, and students in each class. Surely there is reason for great thankfulness, and encouragement to go forward.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

But while there are capable men to teach, and students to be taught, the Seminary is wholly destitute of that which is so necessary to the carrying on of all such enterprises—money !

There are no buildings for recitation rooms or dormitories, but dependence is had upon such resources and help as the kindness of friends has furnished. This,

however, is not to be relied upon, *in perpetuo*, especially if, as is hoped, the number of students is enlarged ; and this of course is to be looked for, in answer to prayer to the " Lord of the harvest," and in accordance with the faith and active workings of the Church. Provision must be made for the wants of the students, and if made on a liberal scale, that the sons of the Church on this coast may be instructed, surely God will bless such liberality by inclining the hearts of the youth to turn to this high vocation. He will accept His people's liberality and give them their heart's pure desire.

Then again, our Professors, so able and efficient, and who are doing their work so well, are all doing that work without the least compensation. Some of them are pastors of large churches, requiring great labors, and incessant watchfulness. The others are at the head of institutions of learning, which demand a constant oversight and personal care. Now, is this always to be the case ? We cannot expect it. The overtaxed brain will give way. The overtasked system will break down. These are burdens which our kind brethren cannot always bear, nor should they be required to do so. They must be relieved and allowed to give their whole time to their original work, or to the work of the Seminary, which latter would be most desirable. We then need *funds*, ample funds for buildings and for the endowment of professorships ; and the sooner this is started upon, the better. The Committee would therefore suggest that Synod fully authorize the Board of Directors to proceed at once, by the most advisable method, to obtain subscriptions and collections for these objects.

And as also scholarships are needed for the support of students in their course of study, it is recommended that funds be solicited for this object also. Are there not good men and women in our Church upon this coast, who would take delight in such a noble object as the adornment of the Theological School of San Francisco, under the care of the Synod of the Pacific ?

The following alterations in the constitution are found to be important in the future workings of the Seminary, and it is hoped that by the unanimous expression of Synod, they may go into effect immediately.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1 shall be changed by leaving out the words " and Trustees."

ARTICLE I.

Section 2 shall read : The Synod shall choose a Board of Directors, consisting of twelve ministers and six ruling elders, by which the Seminary shall be inspected and conducted. Of this number, one-third, or four ministers and two elders, shall be chosen annually, to continue in office three years. This Board shall fill any vacancies which may occur by death, resignation or otherwise, between the meetings of Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1 shall be changed by inserting *seven* instead of *nine* as a quorum, and expunging all after the word " quorum."

ARTICLE II.

Section 2 shall have the word *Treasurer* added after the words Vice-President. The following clause to be added to this Section ; The Treasurer shall receive

and hold all funds of the Seminary, until disposed of by a vote of the Directors.

The following Sections shall be added to Article II :

SEC. 13. The Board of Directors shall nominate and elect all Professors, subject to the approval of the Synod and the Assembly, and shall make provision for instruction, when any chair is vacant.

SEC. 14. The Board of Directors shall elect at its first meeting, after the regular annual meeting of the Synod, from its own members, a Board of Five Trustees, which shall become a body corporate to hold in trust the property and manage the finances of the Seminary. These Trustees shall make a report to the Directors, before the end of each Synodical year.

ARTICLE III.

Section 6 shall be changed to read "one month" instead of "six months."

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 8. Shall read. The faculty shall be empowered to receive students into the Seminary, "and to dismiss from the Seminary any student," etc.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1 shall read : The different funds of this institution shall be kept at all times entirely distinct and separate from all other moneys, and from each other ; and they shall be deposited with the Trustees for safe keeping and improvement, as the Board shall direct, and as the laws of the State of California require.

The Committee further recommend that Synod approve the action of the Board of Directors in the appointment of the Professors now filling the chairs ; who have been acting in a provisional capacity, and in such approbation express their desire that they remain as permanent occupants of said chairs.

That the Synod also express thanks to the kind friends who have been so liberal in their aid, and by their donations in furniture have contributed so largely to the comfort and advantages of the Seminary.

Should it be decided to increase the number of Directors, as recommended in the foregoing, it will be the duty of Synod to add one to each class. It is necessary to fill up vacancies caused by resignation, and also to elect the active class to go out in 1875. The following names are suggested :

Class of 1875 :

REV. W. A. SCOTT, D. D.,
 " E. B. WALSWORTH, D. D.,
 " S. WOODBRIDGE, D. D.,
 " N. B. KLINK,
 ELDER A. HEMME.
 " H. H. HAIGHT.

Class of 1874 :

REV. J. HEMPHILL.

Class of 1873 :

REV. A. FAIRBAIRN,
 ELDER W. PALMER.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

This report was adopted unanimously by the Synod, and all its resolutions as suggested were also adopted unanimously by the Synod.

The Rev. D. W. Poor, D. D., was appointed Treasurer of the Synod *pro tem.*, to receive the assessments from the churches of Synod, and a recess of fifteen minutes was taken for the purpose.

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Synod's Treasurer, reported as follows :

To the Synod of the Pacific :

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the above report of the Treasurer, have compared it with the accompanying vouchers and find the same to be correct.

GILROY, October 2, 1872.

NATHANIEL GRAY.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Synod accept the resignation of our Treasurer, Mr. S. I. C. Swzey, and extend to him our sincere thanks for his faithful and generous discharge of the duties of his office during the many years that he has filled it.

It was further

Resolved, That the Rev. F. E. Shearer be appointed the Treasurer of Synod.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported additionally :

The General Assembly suggests and recommends to the thoughtful consideration of the Synods under its care, in respect to our Sabbath School work as follows : (See Page 21 of the Minutes.)

1. *Respecting the Sunday School Work.* Grave, vital questions, touching the religious culture of the children, demand intelligent and thorough instruction among our own churches, at such times and place, and by such method, as will bring together the mass of parents and teachers. To achieve this desirable object, all that seems needful is, to utilize our simple machinery in this service, by connecting popular meetings in the Sunday School interest with the working programme of Synods and Presbyteries at their regular sessions, or by their special appointments. The general order and conduct of such meetings should be submitted in advance to judicious Committees, that the best-informed and

trained men may be secured, to expound and illustrate the varied subjects coming appropriately under consideration, and that every legitimate method may be used to reach and draw together, to instruct, interest and encourage teachers, parents and friends of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School interest may also be greatly subversed, if our pastors personally share with superintendents and teachers in the supervision and instruction of the children. And it is believed that the success of these schools of the Church would be further aided, if they are recognized as an integral part of the congregation, by a regular liberal provision for all needful expenses.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the Synod, at each of its sessions, hold one public meeting of children at the place where Synod meets, and that speakers for the occasion be appointed by the body.

The report was adopted.

The next place of meeting of Synod was appointed to be at Calvary Church, San Francisco.

The Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave of absence to, *Ministers*—W. Alexander, S. Woodbridge, D. D., W. F. B. Lynch, E. B. Walsworth, D. D., S. S. Harmon and L. Thompson.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was the report of the Committee on Home Missions, as follows :

The Synod's Committee on Home Missions, to which was referred the work among the Freedmen, Church Erection and Sustentation, and communications from the Secretaries on these subjects, also the Report of the Executive Committee on Home Missions of this Synod, beg leave to report as follows :

In our opinion, the work among the Freedmen should be given by the General Assembly into the hands of the Board of Home Missions.

On investigation, we find that the Sustentation Scheme is not suited to the peculiar state of the churches on this coast, because of the small number of the members, and their great liberality in the support of the ministry.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. That every minister of this Synod be requested to make special efforts this year to secure large contributions to the Board of Church Erection.

2. That the Chairmen of the Committee of each Presbytery on Church Erection be appointed the Standing Committee of Synod, and be required to report at next Synod the amount applied for by churches, the amount granted and the probable amount needed for the next year. *Also*, the amount contributed by the churches to the Board.

3. That, inasmuch as the necessity for an Executive Committee on Home Missions of Synod has passed away, the said Committee, be and is hereby, abolished.

4. That the Standing Committee of Synod on Home Missions shall be composed of the Chairmen of similar committees of Presbyteries, to correspond with the Board, consult with each other on the general work and report to next Synod the full statement of the names of Home missionaries, the amounts applied for by each church and the amount granted by the Board to each, and the whole amount of the salary. Also, the condition of missionary work in each Presbytery, and the number of additional missionaries needed for the next year.

5. That Synod hereby recommend the continuance of Rev. T. Fraser as District Missionary of our Home Missions within its bounds, as heretofore.

The report was then taken up *seriatim*, discussed, adopted in detail and afterwards as a whole.

Pending the discussion, the order of the day was suspended to give opportunity for the introduction of the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee, together with the Treasurer of the Synod, constitute a Committee on Mileage, and that the funds contributed for the purpose be distributed according to the expenses of the members attending its sessions.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the division of the Presbytery of San Jose, recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following churches, to wit: of Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Wilmington, Anaheim, Westminster and San Diego ; and ministers, to wit: Rev. J. Phelps, D. D., Rev. L. P. Webber, Rev. H. H. Dobbins, Rev. J. Marquis, Rev. W. C. Mosher, and the counties of Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino, in California, together with the Territory of Arizona, be detached from the Presbytery of San Jose, and that the ministers and churches within those bounds be constituted into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Los Angeles ; that the first meeting of said Presbytery be held in the Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, on the third Thursday in March, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that Rev. Dr. Phelps, or in case of his absence, the oldest minister present, preach the opening sermon and preside until a Moderator be chosen.

The report was adopted.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the first hour of the morning session on the morrow be devoted to conference and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches of the Pacific Coast.

A recess was taken until 7½ o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and listened to a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dodge, from Galatians ii:20 : " Who loved me and gave Himself for me." After sermon the Lord's Supper was administered, according to appointment.

At the close of the exercises the Synod came to order for business.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor of the church in Gilroy for the arrangements made for the accommodation of Synod ; to the members of the church and congregation and citizens of the place, for their hospitality to the delegates ; to the choir for its assistance in the devotional services ; and to the Gilroy *Advocate* for the daily gratuitous publication of the doings of Synod.

The Synod adjourned, with prayer, to the morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent one hour in special devotional exercises, according to the resolution adopted yesterday.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read and adopted. It is as follows :

It is with pleasure we record revivals in Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Watsonville, and also a steady increase in the membership of the churches in general. Our Sabbath Schools have increased in number and efficacy. Prayer-meetings and Bible classes are sustained in connection with most of our churches.

The efforts to evangelize the Chinese resident among us have been continued

and enlarged, and the devotion of the teachers, together with the interest manifested by the pupils who attend for instruction, justifies the hope that these efforts will "not be as rain in the soil."

In many of our churches there is evidence of a desire to promote the comfort and invite the permanence of our pastors, by the erection of suitable manses, and we record with gratification that in certain cases this is sought by those who are not among the most favored in a temporal regard.

In few cases are our churches oppressed by the presence of debt, and in those instances where financial embarrassment exists, hopes are entertained that the means employed for release will result successfully.

It has not been necessary to employ, except in a small number of instances, the use of discipline, and these cases have been adjudicated upon in a spirit of wisdom and moderation.

The narrative was adopted.

On motion it was

Resolved, That we reconsider so much of the resolution adopted yesterday concerning the publication of the Minutes as requires their publication in pamphlet form, and amend it so as to read, that the Stated Clerk be instructed to purchase a sufficient number of copies of *The Occident* in which the Minutes are published, to supply each member of Synod with a copy at the ensuing meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report.

1. The movements among the heathen nations of the earth in opening the doors for the entrance of the Gospel, in removing the obstacles to the profession of Christianity by the converts, and in sending abroad young men into Christian lands to be educated, all seem to betoken the early and wide extension of the kingdom of Christ in the earth.

2. The marked success which attends the labors of our missionaries in the conversion of men, and in the leavening of the minds of the masses with Gospel truth, call for the hearty gratitude of the Church of God; and we hereby render thanks to the great Head of the Church for this blessing.

3. The debt with which our Board of Foreign Missions closed its financial year, demands humiliation before God for the neglect of our Church to come up to its measure of duty in the work.

4. The mission to the Chinese among us is accomplishing a noble work for their good, and is worthy of support by the prayers and contributions of all our churches.

5. The prosperity of the work of Foreign Missions is such that, in the judgment of the General Assembly, \$600,000 is imperatively required for the

prosecution of the work for the current year—an amount greater than that asked for any other Board.

Therefore be it

Resolved. 1. That we heartily commend this cause to the liberal contributions of all our churches, hoping that not less than \$1.30 per member will be contributed by every church.

2. That we recommend the observance, by every church, of the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, and that every effort be made to diffuse missionary intelligence through our congregations.

3. That we commend the Chinese and Indians among us to the special efforts of our ministers and people, to convey to them as much as possible of Gospel light.

TOWNSEND E. TAYLOR,
J. EDWARDS.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Mileage reported that 13.8 per cent. of the expenses of members applying for mileage can be paid.

The same was ordered accordingly.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Synodical assessment on the churches, of ten cents per member, be made for the ensuing year for a contingent fund, and that after paying the necessary expenses of Synod, the balance be constituted the mileage fund, to be disposed of by direction of Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Sacramento reported that they were in good order, and recommended their approval.

Adopted.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly desiring to retain the valuable services of the Rev. Dr. Walsworth on this coast, and believing that his labors would be acceptable, and with God's blessing successful, in the important field presented in the Southern part of our State, would earnestly commend to him the consideration of the wants of that field ; and that, if he can see his way clear to undertake the work of the ministry there, we assure him of our sympathy and prayers, and cordially commend him to the friends of Christ wherever he may labor.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. S. Woodbridge, D. D., and *Elders*—J. B. Roberts of Calvary Church, A. Hemme of the Central Church, S. I. C. Swezey of Howard Church, J. K. S. Latham of the First Presbyterian Church, S. Franklin of St. John's Church, all of San Francisco, together with the pastors of said churches, be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the entertainment of members of the Synod at the next annual meeting in Calvary Church, San Francisco.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. John Hemphill, Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge, D. D., Rev. F. E. Shearer, and Elder Reddick McKee, be a Committee on Devotional Exercises for the annual meeting of Synod, with power to appoint speakers and preachers, including, also, the proposed meeting of Sabbath School teachers and children, with the recommendation that they consult with the different superintendents of the Sabbath Schools in the city, in regard to the time and manner of carrying out the proposition in the most profitable manner.

Resolved, That the programme be furnished *The Occident*, with the names of those who are expected to take part in the different exercises, for publication previous to the meeting of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That in accordance with the action of this Synod on Home Missions, the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions, viz : *Ministers*—N. B. Klink, A. L. Lindsley, D. D., James Newell, A. M. Stewart, and T. M. Cunningham, D. D., be, and are hereby, appointed the standing Committee of this Synod on Home Missions, and that Dr. T. M. Cunningham be the Chairman of this Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be, and is hereby, directed to furnish to the Board of Home Missions in New York a copy of the action of this Synod on Home Missions, and that this be done with as little delay as possible.

On motion of Dr. W. A. Scott, sustained by an earnest speech, it was

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commend to the churches and community generally the proposed plan of the American Bible Society and American Tract Society, to secure \$10,000 on this coast, in order to have the benefit of an additional \$15,000 from the East, in order to prevent the sale of the property now owned by the California Bible Society, and thus to provide for these two great catholic missionary institutions the necessary home and facilities for prosecuting their work in the midst of us.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Publication Committee of this Synod consist of the following ministers: A. F. White, LL. D., R. McCulloch, A. Fairbairn, A. L. Lindsley, D. D., and S. T. Wells.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the standing Committee on Education consist of the chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees on Education, as follows: Ministers—W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., S. S. Harmon, R. Wylie, W. W. McKaig, D. D., A. L. Lindsley, D. D., and that Dr. Scott be the Chairman.

The roll was then called and the following persons were found to be absent without leave: R. Wylie, W. H. Cain, James Woods, John Hemphill and J. M. Newell.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday of October, 1873, in Calvary Church, San Francisco.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and Benediction.

D. W. POOR. *Stated Clerk.*

C. D. ROBERTS, } *Temporary Clerks.*
D. K. NESBIT, }



